

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota is home to more than 1,300 dairy farmers who provide a wholesome product that contributes to the good nutrition of the state's families and those beyond its borders; and,

Whereas, There are more than 92,000 head of dairy cattle in South Dakota; and the dairy industry contributes \$1.27 billion to the state's economy each year; and,

Whereas, Dairy farms are a significant outlet for South Dakota-raised crops, contributing to the overall agricultural and rural economy, which carries through to our towns and cities; and,

Whereas, Dairy farmers in South Dakota follow strict protocols to provide responsible environmental and animal care on their farms, these responsible practices help to make South Dakota a better place to live; and,

Whereas, The presence of dairy farms in South Dakota offers the state's citizens access to a local source of food; and,

Whereas, Consumers and dairy farmers alike benefit from consuming at least three daily servings of milk, cheese, and yogurt:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 2011, as

DAIRY MONTH

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Second Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

Dennis Daugaard
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Gant
Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State